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SUBJ: INFORMATION ON WILLIAM ALLEN LANG

REF: STATE 29541, RABAT 696, CASABLANCA 679

1. WILLIAM ALLEN LANG HAS RESIDED IN CASABLANCA FOR ABOUT FIVE YEARS. DURING THAT PERIOD HE VISITED THE CONSULATE ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS DEMANDING THAT THE USG PROVIDE FUNDS AND ASSISTANCE FOR VARIOUS FISHERY PROJECTS. LANG BECAME ABUSIVE AND THREATENING WHEN THE CONSULATE OR EMBASSY WERE UNABLE TO MEET HIS DEMANDS.

2. LANG'S FIRM, AMERICAN-MOROCCAN OCEAN RESOURCES, S.A. (AMOR), EMPLOYES NO FISHERY PERSONNEL, HAS NO FISHERY EQUIPMENT OR FACILITIES, AND HAS NO RECORD OF OPERATION. LANG HAS A LAYMAN'S UNDERSTANDING OF FISHERIES, HAVING NEVER BEEN INVOLVED IN FISHING OPERATIONS.

3. LANG'S MOST IMPORTANT ACCOMPLISHMENT IN MOROCCAN FISHERIES, IN THE RFA'S VIEW, HAS BEEN THE INTEREST HE HAD GENERATED IN NEW ENGLAND FISH COMPANY (NEFCO).

4. MOROCCO'S WATERS CONTAIN SOME OF THE RICHEST FISHING RESOURCES IN THE WORLD. NEFCO'S PARTICIPATION IN THESE FISHERIES, ON A JOINT VENTURE BASIS, SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED.

5. BEFORE MAKING ANY COMMITMENTS WITH LANG, NEFCO SHOULD BE ADVISED TO RE-VISIT MOROCCO TO ASSESS SITUATION AND MEET WITH
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OTHERS IN THE FISHERIES FIELD. THE RFA WILL BE PLEASED TO

ARRANGE THESE MEETINGS.

6. THE RFA IS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED THAT A REPUTABLE, QUALIFIED FIRM LIKE NEFCO--WITH ITS DIVERSIFIED FISHERY INTERESTS, PRODUCTION LINES, AND SALES OUTLETS--MIGHT PREMATURELY TERMINATE ITS INTEREST IN INVESTING IN MOROCCO WITHOUT FURTHER INVESTIGATION. MOROCCO, ASIDE FROM ITS FISHERY RESOURCES, ALSO ENJOYS AN EXCELLENT ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE WHICH OFFERS THE POTENTIAL INVESTOR:

1. GOOD PORT FACILITIES,
2. GOOD COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE U.S.,
3. GOOD LIVING CONDITIONS, AND
4. OPPORTUNITIES FOR DOMESTIC SALES, SALES TO EUROPE, AND EXPORTS TO THE U.S. WHICH COULD ALL BE HANDLED WITHIN THE CASABLANCA PORT DISTRICT.

FINALLY, THE OFFICE NATIONAL DE PECHE IS ANXIOUS TO ATTRACT QUALIFIED U.S. FISHERY FIRMS WHICH COULD HELP DEVELOP MOROCCO'S FISHERIES.
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